

Dozens of Hall Theories Deluge Shylock Homes

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Things in an investigating sense perked up a bit yesterday in the completion of the first phase of the inquiry by the master criminal lawyer into the Hall-Mills mystery.

But I cannot help observing that the procedure of examination of witnesses has been wishy-washy. The interrogation of old witnesses in the case four years ago has given every man Jack of the legal, civil and police investigators a chance to air his theories, but the evidence so far is not weighty enough to jibe with the inclinations of the master criminal lawyer and his police associates to make certain arrests.

As Watson, who is aiding me in reading the vast mail from GRAPHIC readers, says, they haven't got any one bending as yet, but wait, some GRAPHIC theorist will have some one on the hip, and, like a flash, hit my own solution on the head and drive it home to a jury.

Follow The GRAPHIC closely. Read the editorials, and the news, and remember that in a mystery like this your mind has nothing to do with consistency. Write me what you think about this murder today, though you contradict it tomorrow.

Even Watson stops to shake his head as he peruses a clever letter from some GRAPHIC reader to murmur "I dinna ken."

Gilbert Cassagne, 210 Bloomfield St., Hoboken, writes: "Murdered by a hired man."

Miss Anna Nash, 563 Marshall St., Elizabeth, writes: "Seek the father of the child."

J. S. Robinson, U. S. S. Wright,

states: "Look for ex-members of St. John's Church."

Mrs. Katherine Baumohl of 200 Dyckman St., writes: "A family affair"

Fred E. Tuers of Bergenfield, N. J., writes: "The father of a discarded sweetheart."

A. Menikette of East Rutherford, N. J., "Mrs. Hall is a modern Jekyll and Hyde."

Harry L. Smith, of 158 McDougall St., Brooklyn, states: "Mrs. Hall is leading lady of the plot."

Mrs. Farrell, of 489 East 183d St., writes: "Somebody that loved Mrs. Mills did the job."

Miss G. Rastall, of 186 Franklin St., Brooklyn, writes: "Jealousy was the motive and Mrs. Hall knows who did the killing."

F. J. McCormick, of 86 Classon Ave., Brooklyn, writes: "The 'Pig Woman' told the truth."

Mrs. Mary Garney, Stagg Street, Brooklyn, writes: "Mrs. Hall's sympathizers did."

K. A. Barton, of 368 West 117th St., writes: "Mistaken identity; robbery to cover the crime. Mrs. Hall is innocent."

James O'Brien of 159 East 34th St., writes: "Mrs. Hall was at the scene of the murder when it was committed."

Tom M. Nicholson of 433 State St., Schenectady, writes: "Find Dr. Hall's watch and the mystery will be solved."

Frances Squire, 249 West 68th St., writes: "Wounded pride caused the murder of Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills, not jealousy."

Mrs. S. Rothberg of 2384 Eighth Ave. writes: "Some real friend of Mrs. Hall killed them, so that gossip should stop."

The first correct solution which comes to The GRAPHIC will win a cash prize of \$500. Other solutions which come in will be awarded prizes ranging downward to \$250, \$100, \$50 and \$10 until the \$1,000 is exhausted. Every letter that comes in will be stamped according to the date and the hour that I have received it.

Write your solution in not more than 500 words. The solution will be based not only on my theory but on the findings of the court when those who are about to be arrested or who have already been taken into custody are tried.

After you have sent in your solution, which will be properly marked according to the hour and date it was received, read the various theories advanced by those investigating the case, as reported in The GRAPHIC. As the case shapes up, you are at liberty to write your opinion as to what theory, as advanced by the authorities, is correct. This must be done before October 2. This will have a strong bearing on the solution you have previously sent in. Follow the Hall-Mills mystery development every day in The GRAPHIC.

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BATHERS FEAR ALLIGATOR

Bathers at Matawan Creek, Matawan, N. J., are alarmed by the report that a large size alligator had been seen swimming in the waters.

Ask Gas Masks As Cesspool Fumes Kill Three Persons

Demand for gas masks was made today by laborers forced to work in sewers, following the death of three persons by gas fumes in a cesspool at 65 Bell Ave., Bayside, Queens. Two others were overcome.

The dead are John Ferderowitch, stonemason, 27 Prince St.; Stephen Sepegere, 64 Prince St., Bayside, and Fireman Charles Nagle, Corona, who attempted to rescue them.

Lowering themselves into the cesspool to repair masonry, Ferderowitch and Sepegere collapsed before they detected the presence of gas. Nagle, first of the firemen to enter the hole, suffered a like fate.

PASSENGER AIR LINE TO CANADA PLANNED

ST. PAUL, MINN., Aug. 12 (By U. P.).—A passenger-carrying air service will be established between Detroit, St. Paul, Fargo and Winnipeg next spring, it was announced yesterday by Col. L. H. Britten of St. Paul, after a conference with William S. Stout of the Ford aviation department and officials from Canada and Fargo.

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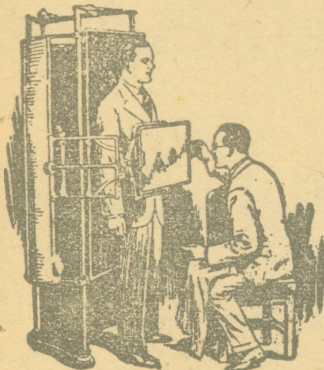
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